(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the decision of the Centre about it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala have submitted Management Action Plans for 2006-2007 for conservation and management of mangroves of Kannur and Vembanad regions.

(c) All proposals for conservation and management of mangroves received from various State Governments are examined for grant of assistance as per the prescribed guidelines.

Settlement of Adivasis on forest land in Andhra Pradesh

465. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the proposal to settle Adivasis and Scheduled Tribes on forest land in Andhra Pradesh were submitted to Government;

(b) the action taken thereon;

(c) the number of cases still pending and the time by which the said settlement work is likely to be completed; and

(d) the number of schemes of Andhra Pradesh which are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) No proposal for regularization of pre-1980 eligible encroachments to settle Adivasis and Scheduled Tribes on forest land has been received from the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, five proposals for rehabilitation of tribals and non-tribals due to implementation of development projects have been received in the Ministry. Out of these, three proposals have been approved, one proposal has been rejected, and one proposal closed for want of requisite information.

(d) At present five proposals involving diversion of forest land are under consideration of the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, rules and guidelines.